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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEMS 6, 28 AND 29 (ASSISTANCE
TO MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO, AND ITEM 5 ASSISTANCE IN
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS)

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1. PLENARY DEVOTED NEARLY THREE FULL MEETINGS TO SUBJECT ITEMS,
COMPLETING ACTION JULY 29 BY ADOPTING THREE RESOLUTIONS AND
ONE DECISION.

2. ITEMS WERE INTRODUCED FROM PODIUM BY ASYG FARAH, SIR ROBERT
JACKSON, AND UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES SADRUDDIN AGA
KHAN, WHO GAVE COMPREHENSIVE RUNDOWN ON ECONOMIC AND OTHER
HARDSHIPS FACING INHABITANTS AND REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
(AS WELL AS IN ANGOLA, COMOROS, CAPE VERDE AND SAO TOME/PRIN-
CIPE); DESCRIBED ASSISTANCE BEING PROVIDED BY UN SYSTEM AND
OTHERS AND CALLED FOR INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE COUN-
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TRIES BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. (SEE SEPTTEL FOR MORE
DETAILED SUMMARY OF FARAH/SADRUDDIN STATEMENTS).

3. MORE THAN 30 DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN DEBATE--ALL TO
EXPRESS WARM SUPPORT FOR MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO AND
MOST TO CONDEMN STRONGLY THE SMITH REGIME AND SOUTH AFRICA.
IRAQ AND SYRIA ALSO CRITICIZED ISRAEL BITTERLY FOR SUPPORTING

RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, ALLEGING THAT ISRAEL HAS GRANTED RHODESIA A LICENSE TO PRODUCE UZI SUBMACHINE GUNS, PRODUCING GABREIL MISSILES FOR SA NAVY, ETC. THEY SAID ZIONISM AND APARTHEID WERE IDENTICAL AND AGGRESSION THEY REPRESENT MUST BE RESISTED. IRAQ ALSO CRITICIZED DEVELOP COUNTRIES FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT AND COLLABORATE WITH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, CITING EXISTENCE OF INVESTMENTS BY UK, US, JAPAN FRG, FRANCE AND BELGIUM TOTALLING \$11 BILLION. THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN THE REGION WERE CRITICIZED BY SEVERAL OTHER LDC'S INCLUDING JAMAICA, NIGERIA AND LESOTHO, WHOSE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING SAID TNC'S HAVE SUPPORTED RACISM AND APARTHEID AND THAT CRITICISM OF THEM WAS "NOT UNFOUNDED AND UNJUSTIFIED."

4. LESOTHO MINISTER MADE HARD-HITTING ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WHICH THROUGH APARTHEID AND OPPRESSION OF ITS OWN PEOPLE IS "ASKING FOR BATTLE." HE SAID SOUTH AFRICA'S CLOSURE OF SOUTHERN BORDER WITH LESOTHO, IN RETALIATION FOR LESOTHO'S REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE TRANSKEI, WAS CREATING SEVERE ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON LESOTHO AND APPEALED FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE. MINISTER ALSO CRITICIZED DC COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA, CITING SUCH EXAMPLES AS LICENSING MANUFACTURING OF WEAPONS (WHICH HE CALLED A "GESTURE OF ILL WILL TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA"), AND FACT THAT "A EUROPEAN COMPANY" WAS BUILDING A SKI RESORT FOR SOUTH AFRICA ON A MOUNTAIN SLOPE WHICH SA HAD ILLEGALLY SEIZED FROM LESOTHO.

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5. DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELS, INCLUDING U.S. LARGELY CONFINED THEMSELVES TO EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT TO THE THREE COUNTRIES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF THEIR VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. NORWAY ANNOUNCED A \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE \$16 MILLION TARGET ANNOUNCED BY THE UNHCR IN HIS APPEAL OF JUNE 18.

6. AT CONCLUSION OF DEBATE COUNCIL ADOPTED THREE RESOLUTIONS, TEXTS AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL, WITH ADDITIONAL PREAMBULAR AND OPERATIVE PARAS AS FOLLOWS:

IN MOZAMBIQUE RES., INSERT AS NEW PENULTIMATE PREAMBULAR PARA: "RECOGNIZING THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES AND THE ADDITIONAL BURDEN IMPOSED UPON MOZAMBIQUE BY THEIR CONTINUING INFLUX;" AND AS NOW OP. PARA #7: "REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN HIS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES AND URGES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE NECESSARY MEANS, SPEEDILY, TO CARRY OUT THESE PROGRAMS." IDENTICAL LANGUAGE (WITH NAME OF COUNTRY CHANGED) IS TO BE INSERTED AS LAST PREAMBULAR AND NEW 90. PARA #8 OF BOTSWANA RESOLUTION

AND AS LAST PREAMBULAR AND NEW OP. PARA 7 IN LESOTHO RESOLUTION.

7. ITEM 5, WHICH WAS DISCUSSED TOGETHER WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA ASSISTANCE ITEMS, RECEIVED LITTLE PLAY, WITH MOST INTERVENTIONS BEING LIMITED TO EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND APPEALS FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT. ONLY A FEW DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON THE CDP REPORT, ALL EXPRESSING AGREEMENT TO THE ADDITION OF THE COMOROS AND CAPE VERDE TO THE LIST OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHILE CALLING FOR FURTHER CDP REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF ANGOLA AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. TEXT OF NON-COMMITAL COUNCIL DECISION ON ITEM FOLLOWS AS PARA 8 THIS MESSAGE.

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I.DRAFT DECISION PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDNET
ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DECIDES (A) TO TAKE NOTE OF
THE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS SUBJECT ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL; (B) TO TAKE NOTE OF THE OBSERVATIONS MADE REGARDING
ANGOLA, CAPE VERDE, AND COMOROS AND SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE IN
PRAS 82 AND 83 OF CHAPTER III OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ON ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION; AND (C)
TO RECOMMEND THAT THE SECETARY-GENERAL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS
TO MOBILIZE FURTHER ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBER STATES AND THE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE FOUR COUNTRIES MENTIONED, IN
COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 31/17, 31,42,
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